



Annual
Report

2018-19

Haven House Family Services Center, Support Services for
Survivors and Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence:
Annual Report for the 2018-19 Fiscal Year

OUR MISSION:

Haven House is dedicated to the elimination of violence against women, men, and children through empowerment, education, social action, and support services.

History:

1978 Haven House Family Services Center was formed in Wayne, Nebraska. The agency was an outcome of a joint seminar conducted by the Association of American University Women and Wayne State College staff, which determined a need for services for victims of domestic violence and their children.

1979 Haven House was incorporated as a non-profit agency under the laws of the State of Nebraska. A volunteer Board of Directors was established, part-time coordinator, and secretary were hired. Original funding was from private donations and the Department of Public Welfare.

- A 24-hour crisis line was established
- Volunteers were trained
- Temporary shelter was provided in local motels.

1980's Haven House was awarded funding to provide a 24-hour crisis line, temporary shelter, which was provided through the use of safe homes, motels, and/or referrals to other domestic violence agencies, emergency transportation, emergency financial assistance, legal and medical advocacy, community education, and to extend services to victims and survivors of sexual assault and conduct sexual assault prevention activities.

- We were also able to expand our service area to five counties: Cedar, Dixon Dakota, Thurston, and Wayne counties. Funds were also received to provide services to the Omaha Nation and Winnebago Indian Reservations. These funds allowed us to increase

client services and add the full-time position of Volunteer Coordinator to provide services on the reservations and to coordinate volunteers to assist staff with the growing demand for victim services experienced in our five county area.

1994 Haven House established an emergency shelter in Wayne County.

- Shelter Supervisor was hired to oversee/supervise shelter operations and provide advocacy to clients utilizing shelter.

1997 Haven House established a satellite office in South Sioux City.

- Hired a part-time Project Coordinator to provide victim services, and established a Coordinated Community Response Team (CCR) in Dakota County. The CCR was established to address gaps in responding to crimes of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- A part-time Outreach Coordinator position was later added at the South Sioux City satellite office to provide advocacy and outreach services as well as community education to area churches, organizations, and schools.

Today

Currently, we have 5 FTE's, 2 Part time Employees, 6 volunteers, and a volunteer Board of Directors (8). The volunteers and Board of Directors are invaluable to Haven House. Board member representation encompasses our entire five county service area. Haven House also receives support from individuals and organizations throughout our service area. This support is a vital part of services and enables us to provide families with more of their basic needs.

Philosophy:

Haven House is a non-profit organization founded in 1978 to provide resources for survivors of domestic and sexual violence that has adopted the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (NCSADV) Ethical Guidelines and Core Values and operates with the following philosophies:

- We believe all individuals have a right to safety and freedom from violence.
- We oppose the use of threats, intimidation and violence to create and maintain control.
- We believe victims of abuse have the right to confidentiality.
- We are committed to offering services with the highest level of dignity and respect, absent of discrimination regardless of age, gender, race, national origin, disability, religion, sexual orientation and socioeconomic status.
- We value individual's ability to make their own choices and support their journey to self-sufficiency.
- We provide non-judgmental services and provide information to support empowerment of individuals to free them from abuse.
- We are committed to an organizational structure that reflects diversity, mutual respect for individual differences, equality, accessibility, participatory decision-making, and collective responsibility among members of the Board, paid staff, volunteers and survivors of domestic and sexual violence.
- We believe that oppression is the root of violence and we oppose it in all its forms including, but not limited to racism, sexism, ageism, ethnocentrism, and homophobia.
- We believe that violence will end only when individuals, institutions, and society as a whole work together to demand an end to abuse.
- We believe abusers must be held accountable for their actions.
- We believe violence is a public issue, not just a private matter.
- We believe individuals, institutions, and society as a whole must take responsibility for eliminating violence.

Board of Director and Staff:

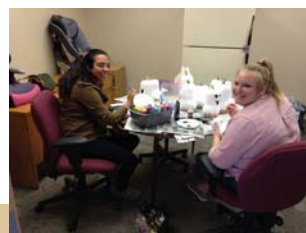
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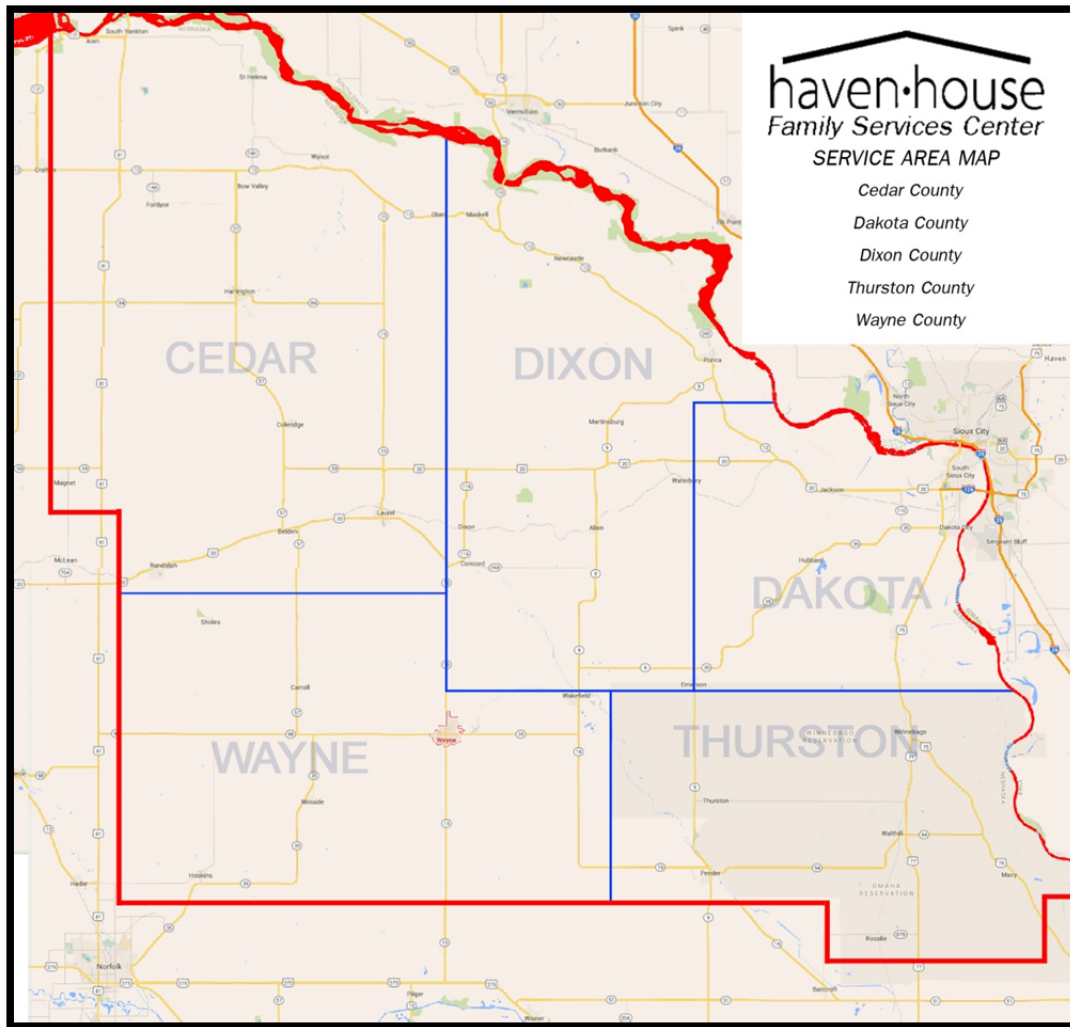
Highlights 2018 - 2019



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- July- August 2018- Haven House was able to purchase and move into a new building that would allow for more space to provide additional services.
- October 2018 – 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat hosted at our new location.
- April 2019- Haven House collaborated with Cobblestone Hotel to bring a community Easter Egg Hunt.
- April 2019- Haven House was able to open a satellite office at the Cedar County Courthouse in Hartington, NE.
- May 2019- Haven House opened a satellite office at the Dixon County Courthouse in Ponca, NE.
- June 2019- Haven House acquired a community garden location open to clients and their children. Staff provided life skills while teaching them how to grow their own food.
 - Haven House was approved to fill for two new outreach positions.

Service Area



By the Numbers

1,341

Crisis Calls

8,472

**Volunteer
Hours**

327

**Client Provided
Services**

3,186

Meals

1,06

Shelter Beds

73

Shelter Clients

(35 adults & 38 children)



Support Services for Survivors of
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24 Hour Crisis Line

1-800-440-4633

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